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PROTEIN AMSH AND cDNA THEREOF :

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2003, the period for response having been extended for three months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.